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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASES - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 213600 (B) MANILA 13206 (C) MANILA 13474 (D) MANILA
OM 23 FEB 76 (E) MANILA OM 2 MAR 76

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S REPORT AS REQUESTED IN REF "A".

2. TOTAL BOAT CASE POPULATION CURRENT IN COUNTRY 354&

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A. ACCEPTED UNDER EPP

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B. QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 130

CAT I)03 CAT II 9 CAT III 6 CAT IV 12

C. ACCEPTED FOR THIRD COUNTRIES 0

& SEE PARA 9 FOR REMARKS ON SCOPE OF THIS REPORT.

3. BREAKDOWN BY BOAT:

I. SUBIC 17 : ARRIVED: 15 JUN 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 17

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 11

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 5

CAT I (4) CAT II (0) CAT III (1) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHER 0

NUMBER DEPARTED 6

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY (FRANCE) 6

CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.

IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER:

11851 (2) 11850 (1) 11852 (1) 11849 (1)

II. SUBIC 11 ARRIVED: 28 JUN 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 11

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 11

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 0

CAT I (0) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHERS (SEE COMMENTS) 11

NUMBER DEPARTED 0

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY 0

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IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER: 0

COMMENT: THIS GROUP IS COMPOSED OF ETHNIC CHINESE WHO WISH TO PROCEED TO TAIWAN. THEIR EFFORTS ARE COMPLICATED BY (A) TRAWLER THEY ARRIVED IN IS NO LONGER SEAWORTHY, (B) POLICY OF UNHCR REP NOT TO CONTACT ROC REPRESENTATIVES HERE (PRC HAS EMBASSY HERE), AND (C) REPORTS THAT ROC HAS BEEN UNRECEPTIVE ON QUESTION OF ISSUING ENTRY DOCUMENTS. GROUP IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOW IN OLONGAPO IN SEMI-CONFINEMENT AND BEING SUPPORTED BY LOCAL CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

III. MINDORO 31 ARRIVED: 29 JUN 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 31

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 29

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 25

CAT I (20) CAT II (5) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHER (AWAITING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION) 4

NUMBER DEPARTED 2

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY (RETURNED TO VIETNAM) 2

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POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER

&12202 (11) 12761 (1) 12773 (1)

12775 (7) 12760 (5)

&TELEGRAM NUMBER IS FALCON REQUEST. EMBASSY EXPERIENCING

DIFFICULTIES IN CLARIFYING FAMILY COMPOSITION IN THIS CASE.

IV. SUBIC 9 ARRIVED: 4 JUL 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 9

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 9

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 7

CAT I (7) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHER (INELIGIBLE, DO NOT MEET CRITERIA) 2

NUMBER DEPARTED 0

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY 0

CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.

IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER

11854 (2) 11855(5)

V. MANILA 19 ARBUVED: 10 JUL 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 19

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 19

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 10

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CAT I (19) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTD BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHER 0

NUMBER DEPARTED 0

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY 0

CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.

IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER

11853 (19)

VI. HONG KONG 17 ARRIVED: 19 JUL 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 17

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 17

ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 15

CAT I (11) CAT II (4) CAT III (1) CAT IV (0)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER (AWAITING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS) 2
NUMBER DEPARTED 0
TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY 0
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.
IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER
12774 (11) 12762 (1) 12759 (3)

VII. SUBIC 14 ARRIVED: 23 JUL 76
NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 14
NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 12
ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0
QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 12
CAT I (12) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER Y 0

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NUMBER DEPARTED 0
TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY (RETURNED TO VVMIETNAM) 2
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.
IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER 12
12772 (5) 12763 (7)

VIII. APARRI 29 ARRIVED: 2ND WEEK OF AUG

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 29
NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 29
ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0
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QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 0

CAT I (0) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER (AWAITING APPLICATION - SEE COMMENTS) 29
NUMBER DEPARTED 0
TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY 0
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.

IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER

COMMENTS: APARRI IS A PORT ON NORTHERN TIP OF LUZON. UNHCR
AND DFA AS WELL ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN COLLECTING PERTINENT
DATA ON THIS GROUP. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GROUP HAS BEEN PERMITTED
TO LAND.

IX. BUSUANGA 33 ARRIVED: 14 AUG 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 33
NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 33
ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0
QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 0
CAT I (0) CATII (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER (AWAITING APPLICATIONS) 33
NUMBER DEPARTED 0
TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY 0
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.
IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER 0
COMMENTS: ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP ARRIVED ON ISLAND
OF BUSUANGA, GROUP ONLY RECENTLY BROUGHT TO MANILA BY PHILIPPINE
NAVAL VESSEL AND PLACED IN CENTER. BIO DATA HAS NOT YET BEEN

OBTAINED.

X. KANDA 43 ARRIVED: 21 AUG 76
NUMBER ARRIVED IN BOAT 43
NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 43
ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0
QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 0
CAT I (0) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER (APPLICATION RECEIVED, NO DECISION REACHED) 43
NUMBER DEPARTED 0
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TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY 0
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.
IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER 0
COMMENTS: GROUP PICKED UP IN SOUTH CHINA SEA BY THE KANDA
(PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL), BROUGHT TO MANILA, AND PLACED IN CENTER.
EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WENT TO CENTER AND OBTAINED BIO DATA WHICH
WILL BE REVIEWED SOONEST AND SENT TO DEPARTMENT.

XI. USNS HUDSON ARRIVED: 24 AUG 76
NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 47
NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 47
ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0
QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 47
CAT I (30) CAT II (0) CAT III (5) CAT IV (12)
ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0
OTHER 0
NUMBER DEPARTED 0
TO UNITED STATES 0
TO THIRD COUNTRY 0
CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.
IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER
(SEE COMMENTS) 47
241630Z (1) 241547Z (3) 241558Z (8)
241427Z (2) 241412Z (3) 241605Z (1)
241555Z (2) 241414Z (4) 241602Z (1)
241550Z (2) 241425Z (5) 241423Z (3)
241609Z (1) 241612Z (1) 241417Z (3)
241548Z (3) 241600Z (2) 241553Z (1)
241608Z (1)
COMMENTS: HUDSON CASE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REPORTED. GROUP
WAS ADMITTED INTO PHILIPPINES ON BASIS UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE
GIVEN BY EMBASSY NONE IN GROUP WOULD REMAIN HERE. ALTHOUGH
EACH REFUGEE IN GROUP HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF A BIO MESSAGE,
EMBASSY WAS INFORMED ON 4 SEP 1976 THAT FOUR (4) IN GROUP WILL
APPLY FOR CANADA AND ONE (1) FOR FRANCE. EMBASSY WILL SECURE
MORE DETAILS AND REPORT.

XII. MANILA 44 ARRIVED: 3 SEP 76

NUMBER ARRIVED ON BOAT 44

NUMBER REMAINING IN COUNTRY 44

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ACCEPTED UNDER EPP 0

QUALIFIED UNDER EPP BUT NO NUMBER ASSIGNED 0

CAT I (0) CAT II (0) CAT III (0) CAT IV (0)

ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRY 0

OTHER (AWAITING APPLICATIONS SEE COMMENTS) 44

NUMBER DEPARTED 0

TO UNITED STATES 0

TO THIRD COUNTRY 0

CASES SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED FOR U.S.

IMMIGRATION BY POST WITH BIO CABLE NUMBER 0

COMMENTS: THE ARRIVAL OF THIS TRAWLER WAS REPORTED ON 4 SEP

76 BY SECRETARY OF UNHCR. TRAWLER IS REPORTED TIED UP AT

PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD INSTALLATION IN MANILA HARBOR. REFUGEES
ARE STILL ON BOARD. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON ENTRY INTO
PHILIPPINES.

4. HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE: VIEWS OF GOP ON BOAT REFUGEES HAVE
BEEN FULLY COVERED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES (E.G., MANILA 13206
AND 13474). IN BRIEF, PAST GOP RECORD OF ACCEPTING INDOCHINA
REFUGEES HAS BEEN QUITE GOOD. SINCE SUBIC PROCESSING CENTER
WAS CLOSED IN EARLY JULY 1975, A TOTAL OF 565 BOAT REFUGEES HAVE
ARRIVED AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND
GOP HAS ACCEPTED THEM ALL. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE
NO REFUGEE HAS BEEN TURNED AWAY. IN RECENT MONTHS,
HOWEVER, AS FLOW OF REFUGEES HAS CONTINUED AND ACCELERATED,
GOP ATTITUDES TOWARD ACCEPTING REFUGEES HAS HARDENED
CONSIDERABLY. FACTORS SHAPING GOP ATTITUDES ARE INCREASING
POPULATION IN REFUGEE CENTER HERE (AS RATE OF RECENT
ARRIVALS EXCEED DEPARTURES) AND FEELING THAT PHILIPPINES,
IN RELATION TO SEA NEIGHBORS, HAS BEEN DOING MORE
THAN ITS FAIR SHARE RESPECTING REFUGEES. ALSO UNDERLYING
GOP MALAISE OVER REFUGEES IS FEELING (SHARED WITH ITS
SEA NEIGHBORS) THAT INDOCHINA REFUGEES ARE ESSENTIALLY
A U.S. PROBLEM WHICH THE U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESOLVING.
(IT IS INSTRUCTIVE THAT NONE OF THE REFUGEES HAS BEEN
MOVED OUT OF THE CENTER FOR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE IN
THE PHILIPPINES). IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN ANTICIPATE
INCREASING PROBLEMS FROM THE GOP WITH REGARD TO THE
ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY IF THE REFUGEE FLOW
CONTINUES AT ITS PRESENT CONSIDERABLE PACE. A FASTER
MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT OUT OF THE
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PHILIPPINES COULD EASE THE GROWING GOP TENSION ABOUT
THE REFUGEE BURDEN.

5. THIRD COUNTRY ACTIONS: AS "INTERNATIONALIZATION"
WORKS OUT HERE, ONLY FRENCH AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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HAVE TAKEN REFUGEES IN NUMBERS WORTH REPORTING. BOTH
FRENCH AND CANADIAN CRITERIA CENTER ON RE-UNIFICATION
OF FAMILY UNITS AND SKILLS. THE FRENCH HAVE, FOR

EXAMPLE, GRANTED FRENCH CITIZENSHIP TO MOST OF THE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS ON THE TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE CANADIANS CAN TAKE REFUGEES WITH UNCLE/AUNT/NEPHES/NIECE RELATIVES IN CANADA. THE CANADIAN CONSUL RECENTLY REMARKED TO YBNOFF THAT FORMER UNHCR REP DHAR HAD NOT VISITED CANADIAN EMBASSY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND THAT HE (CONSUL) BELIEVED CANADIANS COULD PROBABLY TAKE SEVERAL OF THOSE VIETNAMESE

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WHO DO NOT MEET US REFUGEE CRITERIA PROVIDING, OF COURSE, CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. UNHCR OFFICE HERE HAS BEEN INCLINED TO ATTITUDE THT IF REFUGEE WANTS TO GO TO U.S. (AS MOST DO), ONLY THE U.S. EMBASSY SHOULD BE APPROACHED. EMBASSY POINTED OUT TO DHAR AND HIS SECRETARY THAT REFUGEES FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR MOVEMENT TO U.S. SHOULD BE REFERRED TO CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES AND INDEED ANY OTHER EMBASSY WHERE PROSPECTS FOR EVENTUAL RESETTLEMENT ARE EVEN VAGUELY POSSIBLE.

6. COORDINATED RESPONSE: PROCEDURES FOR NORMAL HANDLING OF BOAT CASES AS FOLLOWS: TRAWLER LANDS IN PHILIPPINES AND REFUGEES ARE PLACED UNDER CUSTODY OF SOME ELEMENT OF PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES (E.G., COAST GUARD, NAVY, CONSTABULARY, ETC.). REPORTS ON REFUGEES ARE RELAYED TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) WHICH, IN TURN, NOTIFIES UNHCR REP. DIFFICULTIES IN GRANTING PERMISSION TO LAND ARE THEN WORKED OUT. UNHCR REP DHAR WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN CARRYING OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY. DEPENDING ON LOCATION OF REFUGEES (SOME LAND SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES FROM MANILA), DHAR VISITED EACH REFUGEE GROUP AT EARLIEST POSSIBILITY. HE COLLECTED BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA FROM REFUGEES WHICH INCLUDED RELATIVES LIVING ABROAD AND REFUGEE'S PREFERENCES AS TO COUNTRY OF FINAL ASYLUM. THOSE WITH CANADIAN AND FRENCH RELATIVES, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE REFERRED TO CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES. MOST CASES, BUT NOT ALL, ARE REFERRED TO U.S. EMBASSY. ALMOST ALL OF THE REFUGEE GROUPS ARRIVE AT CENTER WITHIN ONE MONTH (MANY SOONER). EMBASSY INITIATES PROCESSING AT THAT TIME. SYSTEM HAS WORKED REMARKABLY WELL AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS EXIST AT WORKING LEVEL.

7. REPORTING PROBLEMS, PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS, ETC:
BECAUSE OF EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS HE ESTTABLISHED, DHAR HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN BEING INFORMED PROMPTLY ABOUT ARRIVAL OF TRAWLERS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HIS CONTACTS IN MANILA AND SUBIC INFORMED HIM BEFORE DFA HAD BEEN NOTIFIED.
DHAR DEPARTED PHILIPPINES ON 27 AUG 76. HIS SUCCESSOR, BLATTER, ARRIVED IN MANILA ON 6 SEP. SUMPATKUMAR ALSO

MADE A BRIEF VISIT TO MANILA FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING
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BLATTER TO KEY GOP AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO BLATTER, THE UNHCR OFFICE IS MANNED BY A PHILIPPINE SECRETARY WHO IS CONVERSANT WITH CASELOAD.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DSW) ACTUALLY OPERATES CENTER. DSW STAFF IS WELL TRAINED AND WELL MOTIVATED. WORKING RELATIONSHIPS ARE VERY GOOD.

CONSULAR SECTION OF EMBASSY IS BEING REORGANIZED TO ENABLE OFFICER WITH REFUGEE EXPERIENCE TO SPEND MORE TIME ON REFUGEE PROBLEMS. LOCAL STAFF IS WELL TRAINED AND ADEQUATE. INS OFFICE IN MANILA NOW HAS TWO OFFICERS AND IS IN POSITION TO HANDLE ANY REASONABLE REQUIREMENT.

ONE PROBLEM HERE IS TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY VOLAG WHICH, AT SOME POST, ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP CASES THUS LESSENING BURDEN ON EMBASSY. CRS HAS OFFICE HERE, BUT ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVE CRS IN ACTIVE PROCESSING OF REFUGEE CASES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

8. LOCATION OF PHILIPPINES: ONE ADDITIONAL FACTOR WORTH NOTING IS THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF PHILIPPINES. ALTHOUGH MANY REFUGEE BOATS HEAD STRAIGHT FOR LUZON (PHILIPPINES' LARGEST ISLAND), OTHERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE BEGINNING, MADE THE SWING OF THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AND INDONESIA BEFORE COMING TO THIS ARCHIPELAGO. IN EVERY PRACTICAL SENSE, THE PHILIPPINES IS THEIR LAST HAVEN. MOST OF THE TRAWLERS THAT HAVE ARRIVED ARE UNSEAWORTHY AND NEED MAJOR OVERHAULING. NONE HAVE HAD THE KIND OF NAVIGATIONAL GEAR THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO TRY FOR GUAM (SOME 1500 MILES TO EAST). IF THE PHILIPPINES ADOPTS A POLICY OF DENYING ENTRY TO REFUGEES, THE PLIGHT OF THOSE ABOARD THE TINY TRAWLERS WOULD INDEED BE DESPERATE.

9. COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF THIS REPORT: FROM NATURE OF STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT, IT APPEARS THAT DEPARTMENT ONLY WISHES DATA ON BOAT CASES COVERED BY EPP (I.E. UNDER POST 1 JUL 76 PROCEDURES PER STATE 178281). TOTAL BOAT CASE POPULATION FIGURE OF 354 (AS PROVIDED IN PARA. 2) COVERS ALL 22 BOATS ARRIVING IN PHILIPPINES SINCE JULY 1975. TOTAL BOAT CASE POPULATION FIGURE FOR BOATS COVERED BY THIS REPORT IS 314. THERE STILL ARE 40 BOAT CASE REFUGEES FROM 10 BOATS WHICH ARRIVED IN PHILIPPINES BETWEEN JULY 1975 AND JUNE 1976. EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT SIMILAR DATA ON THESE BOATS AS WELL IF SPECIFICALLY DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT.

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